

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph prior to the first sentence of the specification:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a divisional patent application of U.S. Serial No. 09/647,469 filed September 27, 2000, which is a 371 of PCT/JP99/00869 filed February 25, 1999, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the specification at page 7, line 10 through page 8, line 9 as follows:

Figs. 4a-4c ~~is-a~~ are plan views of a water-repellent structure 100 in Fig. 1;

Figs. 5a-5h ~~is-a~~ are sectional views showing a manufacturing process for forming a water-repellent structure on a surface of a plate in a manufacturing method according to Embodiment 2 of the present invention;

Figs. 7a-7b ~~is-a~~ are sectional views showing a manufacturing process of a plate in Comparison 1;

Figs. 8a-8b ~~is-a~~ are sectional views showing a manufacturing process of a plate in Comparison 2;

Figs. 9a-9f ~~is-a~~ are sectional views showing a manufacturing process for forming a water-repellent structure on a surface of a plate in a manufacturing method according to Embodiment 3 of the present invention;

Figs. 10a-10g ~~is~~a are sectional views showing a manufacturing process for forming a water-repellent structure on a surface of a plate in a manufacturing method according to Embodiment 4 of the present invention;

Figs. 11a-11e ~~is~~a are sectional views showing a manufacturing process for forming a water-repellent structure on a surface of a plate in a manufacturing method according to Embodiment 5 of the present invention;

Figs. 12a-12e ~~is~~a are sectional views showing a manufacturing process for forming a water-repellent structure on a surface of a plate in a manufacturing method according to Embodiment 6 of the present invention;